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SUBJECT: UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD, REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE

1. The Executive Board will begin work on the C/4 and C/5 budget planning documents at its upcoming session (September 25-October 11). Mission has been informed that we will soon receive a letter from the Chairman of the EB requesting each electoral group to name three representatives to a drafting group that will start work on a preliminary version of the C/4 and C/5 during the Board meeting. Both Norway and Canada have told us that they are interested in joining the working group and we are sure that at least one EU member will represent Group I, as the EU member states have been actively coordinating their positions on the new budget. (Note: As there are EU members in Group II, the EU will probably have at least two representatives on the drafting group.) U.S. delegation participated in the drafting group that worked on the current C/3 during the previous biennium.

2. Action requested: As there will likely be a Group 1 meeting on this issue in the coming weeks, please provide guidance as to whether Mission should actively seek a seat on the drafting group.
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